19th March 1956]

* 3443 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether Government have issued any orders stopping—

(i) the electrification of villages in North Malabar; and

(ii) the acquisition of electrical undertakings in Malabar and South Kanara pending the Reorganization of States?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (i) The answer is in the negative.

(ii) The acquisition of the Mangalore Electrical Undertaking has been postponed till 15th December 1956 on representations received from Mangalore.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will at least see that electricity is supplied to the Development Areas in North Malabar?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Yes, Sir. That can be considered.

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : സർ, കൂത്തുപറമ്പിലേക്ക വിദ്യുച്ഛക്തി ലൈൻ നീട്ടുമെന്ന കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ ഇതുവരെ പ്രവൃത്തി ആരംഭിച്ചിട്ടില്ല അതിന്റെ പണി എപ്പോൾ ആരംഭിക്കുമെന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറയുമൊ ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member says that the Hon. Minister told last time that Kuthu Paramba would be supplied with electricity but so far it has not been given and wants when it will be given.

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I would like to have notice, Sir.

Removal of jeeps, bulldozers, etc., from Malabar

* 3444 *Q.*—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Government have issued any instructions in November 1955 for the removal of jeeps, bulldozers and electrical stores from Malabar and if so, why?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : No, Sir.

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : May I know the number of bulldozers and jeeps in Malabar at present?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I have no information on hand as regards the number.

Sri M. PALANIYANDI : முன்பே இந்தமாதிரியாக மலையாளத்தில் உள்ள சாமான்களை எல்லாம் சர்க்கார் எடுத்து வந்துவிடுவதாகவும், அங்கே அபிவிருத்தி வேலைகளை அப்படி நிறுத்திவிட்டதாகவும் ஆதாரம் இல்லாமல் அங்கத்தினர்கள் கேள்வி போடுவது சரியில்லை என நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே இந்தமாதிரியான கேள்விகளை எல்லாம் முதலிலேயே அனுமதிக்காமல், கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் அதற்கு பதில் அளிக்காமலும் செய்வார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : அங்கத்தினர் போடுகின்ற கேள்விக்கு நாங்கள் பதிலளிப்போம். ஆனால் அந்தக் கேள்வியை அனுமதிப்பதும், நிராகரிப்பதும் கனம் சபாநாயகருடைய வேலை. அதை நாங்கள் செய்யமுடியாது.

MR. SPEAKER : When questions are given notice of and if they are in order, they can be allowed; the Speaker has no discretion in the matter.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is it not a fact that even before the separation of the Andhra State, members belonging to that area were just putting questions confusing the issue as if we were taking away materials, engines, bulldozers, etc., from Andhra areas to Madras area even though there was no truth in those allegations? Will the Hon. Minister therefore assure this House that there is no truth or basis for these questions?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : I cannot speak for hon. Members having some basis or reasons or not; I can only state the standpoint of the Government and as I said the Government have not done anything of the sort by removing machinery or stopping the progress of work and so on and so forth. I cannot take the responsibility for hon. Members getting some information from somewhere.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : On the other hand, it is the duty of this State to safeguard our interests. Therefore, will the Government take sufficient steps to see that in those areas in Travancore-Cochin State which are going to be integrated with our State, stores and materials belonging to those areas are not removed to Travancore-Cochin State so as to deplete our stores, etc.?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : Sir, neither of the premises is conceded. The Government do see that justice is being done to the respective areas.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Speaker whether as hon. Member can answer the question of another hon. Member without the permission of the Chair?

MR. SPEAKER : The questions are put to the Hon. Minister and the Hon. Minister has to reply and not another hon. Member. I think these are elementary things and any elucidation is unnecessary.

Bonus to workers in Madras Electricity System

* 3445 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to give bonus to the workers in the Madras Electricity System for the year 1955?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : May I know from the Hon Minister whether previously the Madras Electric Supply Corporation was giving bonus to the workers and if so, why this Government